

LITERATURE and ART

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THE RED SEAL. By Natalie Sumner Lincoln. D. Appleton and company, New York, N. Y., publishers. Price \$1.75. Natalie Lincoln has won fame as a writer of mystery stories and to one who enjoys this kind of a story will find the Red Seal intensely interesting and when they start to read this book will want to stay with it until they finish it. If you can detect the culprit before the final chapter you will be far more clever than the average reader. One character in the book suspects the other of committing a crime and then committing other crimes to cover it up. The daughters suspect the father. The lover of one of the girls suspects her, the father suspects the young man and there is a general jumble. But all is well that ends well and the real culprit is finally discovered.

TIME TELLING THROUGH THE AGES. published by Dolbeyday, Page & Co., for Robert H. Ingersoll & Bro., New York. From the preface of this book we read: "In the midst of the world war, when ordinary forms of celebration seemed unsuitable, this book was conceived by Robt. H. Ingersoll & Bro., as a fitting memento of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their entrance into the book industry and is offered as a contribution to historical art and science. Its publication was deferred until after the signing of the peace covenant. The book is a history of the telling of time through the ages and of our modern time pieces. It is handsomely illustrated and is a book of interesting information that has taken arduous research work on the part of the authors to compile.

LANCELOT. A Poem, by Edwin Arlington Robinson. Thomas Seltzer, New York, N. Y., publisher. Price \$1.75. Robinson is considered to be the greatest poet of America, and "Lancelot" is the ripest product of his poetic talent. Though the theme is ancient, Robinson's treatment of it is thoroughly modern and full of meaning for us today. The Arthurian legend is here used to lay bare the profoundest depths of the tragedy of our time. The medieval atmosphere of war and strife furnishes the author an excellent vehicle for the poetic interpretation of the questions and issues that have agitated us during the war and since the cessation of the war.

Apart from its poetic and timely value, "Lancelot" is a readable and highly interesting story.

THE THUNDERBOLT. By G. Colmore. Thomas Seltzer, New York, N. Y., publisher. Price \$1.90. We find it very difficult to review this book. It is a book that we believe some will enjoy reading and approve of the characters and that others will very positively disapprove of and dislike. To voice our own difficulty we will quote what the London Nation says: "The Thunderbolt" is certainly the most remarkable, modern, essay in imaginative fiction the present writer has read during the last five years. "It is divided into two very distinct portions, each of them so different from the other that the only connective tissues are the actual dramatic personae and the mature, balanced, weighty and detached style of the author. Yet in spite of the fact that these two halves of one book embrace as great a difference as there is between 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'Troilus and Cressida,' the transition is as smooth and inevitable as nature's own transitions in the passage of the seasons. The handling of one material and then the other with the same ease and flexibility is in itself an artistic triumph. The first part of 'The Thunderbolt' is light satiric comedy in the best tradition of the Jane Austen model. Mrs. Bonham is the altar of Stottisham society, not because she is richer or abler or finer or more truthful than her discreet worshippers, but because she embodies the narrow, complacent, possessive security of Stottisham from the rest of the world."

SARAH AND HER DAUGHTER. By Bertha Pearl. Thomas Seltzer, publisher, New York, N. Y. Price \$2.50. has the one great virtue of being entirely new in theme, the first thing of its kind to appear, at least in this period. As a piece of literature it has considerable promise; whether the promise is fulfilled rests upon the judgment of future years. As a plain Twentieth Century story, to be read for amusement and entertainment, it is doubtful if it will meet any great success or reach popularity. Whatever appeal "Sarah and Her Daughter" has rests upon the unique theme. The book is a chronicle of

New York's Ghetto, of the lives of two Jewish women, of the Jews of the metropolis' tenements and their emergence into American life. This novel is hardly a story at all, as stories are defined; it has no definite plot, and is made up rather of series of incidents of daily life. In it one finds the life of Sarah, the Jewish woman immigrant, and her daughter Minnie, from day to day; their sorrows and joys and adversities are told through 400 and some long pages. It is hardly possible to tell the story of "Sarah and Her Daughter." One must read the book if he wants to know what it really is all about, and most readers will not find it enjoyable. One thing can be said, however: A Gentle can enjoy it as much as a Jew, providing he has a reading bent for the realism of poverty and misery. It can safely be added that Bertha Pearl, the author, has written a book decidedly worthy of inspection, a book of understanding realism, with laughs and tears that can come only in the existence of "Sarah and Her Daughter," portrays.

American Legion News

The coming week, May 17-22, has been announced throughout the United States as American Legion week. The entire week will be devoted to the push for new members for the American Legion.

It is expected that the coming seven days will go down in history as the best seven days of the year 1920. For through the pep and energy of the Legion men these seven days are going to be made memorable for all time as having been associated with the American made fight for a better America.

Membership is perhaps the prime objective, but there is a broader side to the activities of the week than can be summed up in so brief a way.

The American Legion is the most truly representative body of American citizens banded together for the purpose of furthering the cause of law and order; Americanization of the stranger within our gates; rehabilitation of the ex-soldier, and the stabilization of the government of the United States based on the sacred constitution thereof.

The American Legion is not alone the organization of ex-service men and women, but it is the representation of the thoughts and desires of the great American republic. Every mother, wife, daughter, father or son of a member of the American Legion is just as vitally interested in the activity of the Legion as though they each had the same individual rights exercised by the member himself.

The Legion belongs to the community, and nowhere is the community spirit so truly exemplified as in the work of the Legion in its fight for a better America and a better local community in which to live and have its being. The community is proud of the American Legion and the Legion is proud of the communities through which its influence is so readily accepted as a factor for right and an incentive for better government.

It is because the people of a city like Phoenix have placed their faith in the Legion as shown by the presentation of a home to the Legion by the city fathers that the American Legion is determined to deserve and maintain that faith and trust.

We know therefore that in this push for new members every American is

going to be a booster for the Legion. If you have a brother, a son or a sweetheart who is eligible for membership, you are going to see that he "joins up" with his former buddies during the coming week.

The Legion is the logical successor of the G. A. R. and there is none better than they to receive the torch and spirit of the veterans of '61. The work of the G. A. R. will soon be complete, but the work of the Legion is just beginning. It is in careful and loving hands, that have and warrant your confidence, that in the words of Abraham Lincoln, "Government of the people, for the people, and by the people shall not perish from the earth."

We want your assistance morally and actively in the membership push during the coming week. Sign up on a card or get a buddy, if you are on the side of the Legion.

Amendments to the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the association will be considered at a called meeting of the entire membership of the Young Women's Christian association at 8 o'clock tomorrow night at the Central Christian church. The meeting is a most important one, and all members are urged to be present.

The meeting at the church Monday night will be followed by a second one Tuesday evening at the Y. W. C. A. boarding home grounds. If the progress of the association is to be assured, it is pointed out, members of the association must show their loyalty by attending one or both of the meetings. Miss Jeanne Moore, special representa-

tor, Idaho, and a number of prominent men from Idaho and Utah are in the city looking over conditions with the intention of buying and locating here. Members of the party are much impressed with the valley and city, and the wonderful possibilities of both. Presidents Collett and Driggs will be the speakers at the Mormon church services tonight.

IMPORTANT Y. W. C. A. MEETING TOMORROW

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tive of the town department of the Pacific coast field, will be present at both meetings and will have charge of the programs.

THESE MAY MARRY.—Licenses to marry were issued yesterday to James William Ward, 28, and Sammie Georgia Perkins, 18, both of Chandler; Charles H. Patrick, 35, and Mary Dickason, 18, both of Phoenix; Robert O. Barnes, 36, of Phoenix, and Carrie Shaver, 42, of Prescott, and Walter J. Righette, 27, and Bernice Gertrude Dougherty, 29, both of Phoenix.

Fresh eggs for breakfast at the Y. W. C. A. Cafeteria.—adv.

WANTS INFORMATION OF OLD TIME OUTLAWS

Here is a list of information wanted by one of Uncle Sam's men who is with the U. S. Engineers at Leavenworth, Kansas.

In a letter to Col. James H. McClintock, E. P. Lamborn asks for the history of the famous "Wild Bunch" or "Hole in the Wall" gang of outlaws led by Harvey Logan, alias "Kid Curry," and George Parker, alias "Butch Cas-

sidy." The killing of the sheriff of Apache county at St. Johns, Ariz., is also subject of the young soldier's inquiry. Lamborn is also interested in any books concerning Bucky O'Neill, Curley Bill or the Apache Kid.

The state historian is requested to refer the writer to some old-time peace officer, sheriff or deputy United States marshal "who used to chase these men in the old days," if he has no books on the subject.

At least ten states are carrying on during May a stay-in-school drive to help show pupils the value of staying in school.

PROMINENT MORMONS LOOK OVER THE VALLEY

President R. S. Collett of Vernal, Utah; President D. C. Driggs of Driggs, Idaho; George D. Snell, president of the First National bank of St. Anthony, Idaho; George N. Fonks, director of the Teton National bank of Vic-

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